STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY 0F RICHLAND

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Petition of Tall Pines Utilities, Inc., for approval of a Schedule of Rates for Sewerage Service in Tall Pines Plantation Subdivision, Berkeley County, South

DOCKET NO. 17,164

Carolina.

ORDER NO. 17,329 ✓

TALL PINES UTILITIES, INC. TO:

The South Carolina Public Service Commission received a Petition from Tall Pines Utilities, Inc., for approval of a Schedule of Rates for Sewerage Service in Tall Pines Plantation Subdivision, Berkeley County, South Carolina, a plat of which is on file with the Commission.

According to accounting exhibits relating to the Petition, the Utility will have a total plant investment of \$163,012.00 in the sewerage system of which \$131,700.00 is for the treatment plant and will serve 250 customers and \$31,312.00 for engineering and the collection system and will serve 70 customers. The Utility has a Bond in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars on file with this Commission in accordance with Section 58-149 of the 1962 Code of Laws for the State of South Carolina, as amended.

After review of the Petition and all the facts presented, the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the rate schedule as proposed should not be approved at this time and therefore should be denied. The Commission further finds that it is in the public interest that certain temporary rates and charges should be granted this Utility pending a Public Hearing on the merits of this Petition. The Commission has made this finding so as to allow customers of the Utility to begin using the service of this Utility while this matter is pending for full and final determination subsequent to a Public Hearing which will be held on February 6, 1974. To find otherwise would place a hardship on customers of the Utility which would be unable to utilize such service should the Commission not allow temporary rates as granted herein. The Commission hereby determines that the following rates and charges should be approved on a temporary basis:

## APPROVED TEMPORARY RATE SCHEDULE

Monthly Charge - \$5.00

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## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the rates proposed in the Petition are hereby denied until the Public Hearing is held on February 6, 1974, and final Order rendered by this Commission.
- 2. That the temporary rate schedule set forth above is hereby approved as of the date of this Order.
- 3. That the rates and charges approved herein on a temporary basis may be charged until the Public Hearing stated above has been held and final determination has been made by this Commission on the Petition.
- 4. That the Utility maintain all books and records for the Utility's sewerage operations in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and B Water Utilities, as adopted by the Commission, to the extent applicable as a guideline, until such time that a Uniform System of Accounts is adopted for Sewerage Utilities.
- 5. That the Commission continues jurisdiction of the Docket until further notice.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Director-Administrative Services

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